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. FDI IN INFRASTRUCTURE HIGH TECHNOLOGY AND EXPORTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether FDI should be encouraged in the areas of infrastructure, high technology and exports as per National Common Minimum Programme; and

(b) if so, the status of FDI in these sectors during each of the last three years as on date sector-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH)

(a): As per extant policy, Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) up to 100% is permitted under the automatic route in most of the sectors. FDI is a means to supplement domestic investment for achieving a higher level of economic development and providing opportunities for technological upgradation as well as access to global managerial skills and practices. With forward and backward linkages and access to international quality goods and services, FDI brings in capital and also provides access to modern technology and best practice.

(b): A statement on Year-wise FDI inflow in Infrastructure Sector during April 2004 to December 2007 is laid on the Table of the House.